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SUBJECT: REPORTED ARAB OFFER OF LARGE SUMS TO HAITI TO BREAK
RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL

REF: (A) P-AU-P 0047; (B) P-AU-P 2186, 12/31/73

1. ISRAELI EMBASSY OFFICER IN PORT-AU-PRINCE TOLD EMBOFF
JANUARY 12 THAT ISRAELIS HERE HAVE LEARNED FROM "AUTHORITATIVE
SOURCES" THAT LEBANESE FOREIGN MINISTER FOUAD NAFFAH (RECENTLY
IN HAITI ON "SPECIAL MISSION", REF B) OFFERED THE GOH
\$35-40 MILLION, ON BEHALF OF THE ARAB LEAGUE, TO BREAK
RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND SUPPORT ARAB POSITIONS ON THE
MIDDLE EAST IN THE UN AND ELSEWHERE. ISRAELIS HERE UNDERSTAND
THAT OFFER WAS REJECTED BY PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE DUVALIER,
WHO ALSO DECLINED TO SIGN A LEBANESE-PROPOSED JOINT COMMUNIQUE
MAKING FAVORABLE MENTION OF ARAB SIDE ON THE MIDDLE EAST.
SINCE LEBANESE REFUSED TO ACCEPT ANYTHING ELSE IN A
COMMUNIQUE, NONE WAS ISSUED.

2. COMMENT: ISRAELI REPORT ON OUTCOME OF LEBANESE
"SPECIAL MISSION" TO HAITI ACCORDS WITH WHAT FOREIGN
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SECRETARY ADRIEN RAYMOND TOLD CHARGE JANUARY 9 (REF A), EXCEPT

THAT RAYMOND MADE NO MENTION OF ARAB LEAGUE OFFER OF
\$35-40 MILLION TO THE GOH TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.
ANOTHER HIGH-LEVEL SOURCE IN GOH, HOWEVER, RECENTLY
CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF ARAB OFFER OF VERY SUBSTANTIAL SUMS
TO GOH TO BREAK WITH ISRAEL. LATTER SOURCE STRESSED
THAT GOH REJECTION OF LEBANESE/ARAB LEAGUE OFFER WAS A
PERSONAL DECISION OF PRESIDENT JEAN-CLAUDE DUVALIER.
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